

Family Notes

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Christians recognize that the source of all good things is the God who feeds the birds and clothes the grass of the field. We rejoice that we are held in the palm of God's hand. God cannot forget us any more than a woman could forget her nursing child. Nourished at the Lord's table, we share these gifts with those who are anxious, hungry, poor, or in any kind of need.

Today we welcome Dr. Jon Pahl, Professor at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Dr. Pahl is Professor of the History of Christianity in North America and is the Director of MA programs. His Sermon today is "Consider the Dandelions."

The Sacrament today will be administered by intinction. If you are visiting with us and believe as we do that in the Sacrament we receive God's gift of life and forgiveness, if you are a baptized member of the Christian Church, we hope you will join us at the Lord's table. Gluten free wafers are available at both stations

Our Lessons:

Isaiah 49:8-16a. The Lord shows motherly compassion for God's suffering people. Even if a nursing mother could under rare circumstances forget her child, God will never forget us.

1 Corinthians 4:1-5. We are servants and stewards of Christ whose primary responsibility is to be trustworthy. We do not stand over others as their judge, but we stand under Christ to whom we will be held accountable.

Matthew 6:24-34. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to trust in God rather than material wealth.

TYING IT ALL TOGETHER:

The constant message through our lessons today is the constant gracious love of God. Dear Isaiah speaks of God's care and tells the people of God that while we mortals fall short, God does not forget...ever. Our Corinthian reading reminds us that we are stewards and servants of Christ. And as we continue our reading of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus invites our simple trust in God. A basic lesson of faith.

WELCOME

If you are visiting, we welcome you and hope you'll soon return to Faith, and that you'll feel free to share in all that is ours in Christ. Please sign our guest book and a visitor's card which you'll find in the pew. If you are interested in learning more about our community, please speak to Pastor Jim or Pastor Mac, or leave a note in the offering. Please stop by the Information Table in the narthex and pick up materials about our Family of Faith. While we encourage children's attendance and participation in our worship hour, we do provide nursery care for those needing this service. Our ushers will be happy to direct you to our downstairs Nursery.



Received into the Church of Jesus Christ through baptism at 8:30 a.m. today is Claudia Grace Sahaj, daughter of Audrey and Frank. Sponsors for Claudia are Laura, Peter and Katie McQuaid.

Received into the Church of Jesus Christ through baptism at 11:00 a.m. today is Andrew George Tintera, son of Sally and John. Sponsors for Andrew are Ashlie Tintera and Christopher Reier.

We give thanks to God for these gifts of new life.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Family of Faith is a Christ-centered servant community that strives to be loving, forgiving, healing and affirming, as it continues to seek new opportunities to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to the world.

Sustained by the Holy Spirit, we worship, serve, learn and grow together by sharing God's gifts of our time, talents and treasures.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

The tradition continues as the Family gathers on March 8 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. for our Annual Pancake Supper. Register in the Information Center today for this Shrove Tuesday tradition. Our Task Force is getting set to go, so if you'd like to assist them, please contact our Convener, Dee Tamburro at crafdee101@aol.com, 908-338-1955 or 908-464-7618. And, mark your calendars now for this fellowship event.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Diantha Pearson	Vivian Mossberg
Thomas Lange	Ernie Andersen
Ron Waltemyer	John Glass
Sherry Peterson	Nancy Kordistas
Ben Santore	Ruth Bentley
Jan Siberine	Paul Lutz
Lucas Reiling	Constance Burde
Katie Anderson	Curtis D. Kelly
Annie Scherba	Eric Brodbeck
Jim Connaughton	Todd Shell
Kruger Family	Hildy Vallevand
Julie Floch	Heidi Santore
Joe Auchter	Bob Bell
Chuck Thomas	Eileen Sergent
Carolyn & Art Engelken	PJ Sneeringer
Minet Merritt	Gretchen Dziejcz
Hank Reinbold III	Heather Knapp
Ted Moody	Ollie McKnight
Ruth VanZyl	Emily Everson
Andrew Stofa	Loren Zachau
Scott Farrell	Debbie Shulkowski
Rosalie Rohrbach	Cecil Douglas
Sonny Durrant	Darnville Riley
Rose Ondich	Pam Colandrea
Cat Hardy	Bev Steward
Pat Sheldon	Phyllis Semegran
Oliver King	Carol MacPherson
Karen Blomquist	Aaron Shinn
Otto Picard	Cory Christensen
Aiden Bedi	Ann Bueschel
Harold Johnson	Kim Wood
Jeanne Jenkins	Kerry Michaels
Mike Sergent	Pastor Carol Lindsay
Wei Che Hu	Lydia Pfund
Bob McQuaid	Lois Rafferty
Margaret D'Oliveira	Donna Swanson
Walt Bischoff	Jim Mastakas
Chris Bowman	Anna Mae Glassman

The Family of Michael Warin, Sr.

To add to or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the church office. Unless we hear otherwise, names are removed after three months.

AA

The gift of healing is shared through our AA ministry each Monday through Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. We give thanks to God for this healing ministry. Our Youth AA group meets each Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Food and Fun for Everyone! NEXT SUNDAY



Bring your friends and family out for our Mardi Gras Game Night next Sunday, March 6, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Some New Orleans style food will be provided, but bring something to share -- non-alcoholic drinks, snacks or deserts and your favorite game. Sign up at the information table outside the office. Call Bonnie Stahlin or Linda Fuller for more information.

Music Notes

Our opening and closing hymns today are among the most well-known in the church...a good invitation to sing with gusto!...Next week, our Jazz Liturgies will feature a band of musicians who have all worshipped with us before, including Steve Turre, trombone, of the Saturday Night Live Band, and Tim Ries, saxophone, of the Rolling Stones...Our Sanctuary Choir is in preparation for music for our annual Jazz Service (March 6th) and also for the seasons of Lent and Easter...you may join them for rehearsals on Wednesday nights from 7:30 till 9 PM in Franklin Nelson Hall...FaithKIDS is growing, now up to nine children... come join us! (grades K-5th, Wednesdays from 4-5 PM)



Journey of Faith

Our theme this year reminds us that as God's people we are pilgrim people. As we follow Jesus, being formed into his image, we are people on a move, people with a mission. As a worshiping and serving community of disciples we journey wherever our Lord leads us to share the good news of Jesus Christ confident that God has provided all that we need to be his servants: water and word, bread and wine and healing oil. Join us this year and be part of our Journey of Faith.

A Servant's Prayer

"Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through challenges unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

NEW BEGINNINGS IN ADVENT

As part of our pastoral care arrangement with Advent Lutheran Church in Warren either Pastor Jim or Pastor Mac will be preaching there once a month and that is where Pastor Jim is today. We ask that you keep the people of Advent in your prayers as they go through this time of transition.

PLAN AHEAD

To help us better prepare for worship each week and to provide guidance for daily Bible reading, we publish the following Sunday's lessons each week. Take a few minutes each day to read over these Bible passages in anticipation of our sharing of the Word together. Next Sunday's lessons are:

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Today we remember in prayer our confirmands who joined Pastor Jim, our Peer Leaders and Chaperones,

for their annual retreat at Cross Roads Camp.

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum continues its educational ministry today at 9:40 a.m. Join us in Franklin Nelson Hall for coffee and conversation and then a chance to grow in your faith and why not "go green" by bringing your own cup to forum.

Today - AMERICAN SACRED SPACE, RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE, AND GOD'S GRACE with Dr. Jon Pahl from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

March 6 - A MINISTRY CENTER UPDATE AND AN HISTORIC MOMENT Be with us as our Ministry Center chair, KW Janne, walks us through this update on our Ministry Center and what lies ahead as we hit the homestretch of construction. AND...an historic moment as we open our 1898 cornerstone before it is reinstalled in our new Ministry Center. AND...time to share suggestions for items to go into our 2011 cornerstone.

March 13 - April 17 - POWER WALK - Join us for our Lenten Bible Study of each weeks lessons.

FAITH NURSERY SCHOOL Registration Begins

Faith Nursery School begins registration for the 2011-2012 School Year. Three different morning classes are offered: a class for 2 ½ year olds that meets on Mondays and Wednesdays; a class for three year olds that meets on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and a Pre-K class that meets Monday thorough Friday. If you are interested in more information or are ready to register your child, please call Susan Nord, Director, at (908) 542-1252.



BROADWAY HOUSE more than a house...a home

Our next visit to Broadway House, our AIDS ministry, will be Saturday, March 19th. We will meet at church at 9:00 a.m. and return to church by noon. All are welcome to join us for a visit.

Our gifting collection for the residents at Broadway House has concluded and was delivered on yesterday's visit. If you have any new or gently used men or women's winter clothing that you no longer need, please feel free to drop off in the box down the hall from the Church Office.

Opportunities for all ages, both on-site and off-site, are available. If you have any questions or for more information on ways you can help at Broadway House, contact Vicar Jane McCready at 908-233-8935 or jane@mccready.com.



COFFEE TIME

Our Coffee time continues this morning at 9:40. If you can host one of our upcoming dates, please sign the sheet outside the Office. Thanks to today's hosts: Amber and Peter Leech.

Upcoming:

March 6 - Open

March 13 - Open

March 20 - Open

Special Liturgy – Next Week

While each Sunday is special in our Family worship, we regularly welcome instrumentalists to help enrich our time together. Next Sunday, we mark the end of Epiphany with a special JAZZ LITURGY at each of our services. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

Celebrate our Mission Partnership



For years, the Family of Faith and our sisters and brothers at St. Stephan Grace Community in Newark have been partners in mission. On Sunday, March 20, at 4 p.m. we're going to celebrate that partnership by worshipping together as one body at St.

Stephan Grace where Pastor Mac will preach. Meet at Faith at 3 p.m. if you would like to be part of a car pool. Sign up on the table outside the church office, please let us know if you are willing to drive. See Chris Melhuish and Dan Seidel for more information.

Knit Purl and Pray

So far in 2011, we have been thrilled to donate 58 scarves to the patrons of St. John's Soup Kitchen, 47 hats for newborns at UMDNJ Hospital, and 3 lap robes for the residents of Broadway House.

Thanks to all of the wonderful people who devoted their time to knitting or crocheting these projects. And thanks to the generous people who donated yarn for our projects.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 17, at 7:30 pm. If you knit or crochet, or would like to learn more about our outreach, please stop by. Refreshments will be served (probably not corned beef or green beer)

For information, call Kathy Grubb 908-347-3151.

Central Cluster Lutheran Youth Event

Calling All Youth Grades 6-12
Friday, March 25
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

Bring \$2 for snacks!

DID YOU KNOW...

...Today is the Eighth Sunday after Epiphany...Daytime Bible Study is underway...registration is underway for several Adult Ed offerings...Coffee hosts are needed...Registration is underway for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and our Mardi Gras Game Night...AA meets Monday through Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings ...Faith Nursery School is now registering for the 2011-2012 school year...we've had at least 1 new visitor 1253 out of the last 1272 weeks...a special welcome to all who are visiting with our Family today...check next week's lessons...we continue to have a host of new visitors - welcome...why not bring a friend to Worship next Sunday...2010-2011 calendars are now available at cost in the narthex ...see you in church next week!

Family Prayers

We continue to pray for ALL those whose lives have been forever affected by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, especially the over 6400 service personnel who have been killed. Today we pray by name for the families of allied service personnel who have died in both wars. Please pray for the families of the following, all of whom died recently:

Lance Cpl. Randy Braggs, 21, USMC, Arizona
Lance Cpl. Matthew Broehm, 22, USMC, Arizona
Spc. Jonathan Curtis, 24, USA, Massachusetts
Staff Sgt. Jordan Emrick, 26, USMC, Illinois
Staff Sgt. Loleni Gandy, 36, USAR, American Samoa
Sgt. 1st Class Todd Harris, 37, USA, Arizona
Sgt. Jason McCluskey, 26, USA, Oklahoma
Pfc. Andrew Meari, 21, USA, Illinois
Sgt. Michael Paranzino, 22, USA, Rhode Island
Lance Cpl. Brandon Pearson, 21, USMC, Colorado
Spc. Blake Whipple, 21, USA, New York
Cpl. James Young, 25, USAR, Illinois
1st Lt. James Zimmerman, 25, USMC, Maine

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN

We continue to pray for all the people affected by the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our website offers prayers for these folks and affords the opportunity to list service personnel serving there. To include a name, please see Pastor Mac. Today we pray for SPC Joe Ellis, a member of our Family, who is now in Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division. We also remember Lt. Christopher Wilk, a friend of the Daniels.

We remember Scott Farrell in our prayers. Scott is a relative of the Novaks, who is recuperating at Walter Reed Army Hospital after being wounded in Afghanistan.

YOU CAN HELP

Through The Foundation for International Medical Relief for Children ((FIMRC) I had the opportunity to spend a week in January volunteering in hospitals and orphanages in Huancayo, Peru. As they near the end of their summer break and anticipate the beginning of another school year in March, the orphanages and school for children with special needs are in desperate need of school supplies. With this in mind, I am organizing a collection through my college for basic school supplies and would appreciate any and all donations. School supplies needed include: pens, pencils, notebooks, lined paper, construction paper, scissors, glue, crayons, markers, coloring books, folders, tape, etc. In addition, they are always in need of basic toiletries including soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Thank you and please contact me with any questions at 908-249-3908 or delatou2@tcnj.edu

Thanks, Laurie Delatour

(Laurie and Alex Ebeling will be sharing their Medical

Mission work at our Forum on June 6.)

UPCOMING -

Feb. 27 - Sahaj Baptism (8:30)
27 - Tintera Baptism (11:00)
28 - Staff Worship Planning
28 - FNS Enrichment

March 2 - Bible Study
2 - FNS Lunch Party
4 - Olson/Byrnes Wedding
6 - Jazz Liturgy
6 - Family Game Night
7 - FNS Enrichment
8 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
8 - Cabinet
8 - Council
9 - ASH WEDNESDAY -
Eucharist & Ashes:
6:45 a.m., 12:15 & 7:30 p.m.

10 - FNS Lunch Party
11-12 - Lenten Retreat
12 - Soup Kitchen
14 - Staff Worship Planning
14 - Evening Bible Study
15 - FNS Lunch Party
15 - Advent Church Council
16 - Eucharist 6:45 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
16 - Confirmation Class
17 - Knit, Purl & Pray
19 - 1st Communion Retreat
20 - Stewardship Committee
20 - St. Stephan Grace Worship
21 - Staff Worship Planning
21 - FNS Enrichment
21 - Evening Bible Study
23 - Eucharist 6:45 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
23 - Confirmation Class
24 - FNS Lunch Party
25 - Central Cluster Youth Event
28 - Staff Worship Planning
28 - FNS Enrichment
28 - Evening Bible Study

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE

Caring for Creation Now!

Green Food for Thought

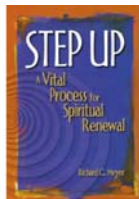
Modern Christian Thought on God's creation: "A man is ethical only when life, as such, is sacred to him, that of plants and animals as well as that of his fellow man, and when he devotes himself helpfully to all life that is in need of help." (from *Out of My Life and Thought*, Albert Schweitzer, theologian and missionary, died 1965)

Green Tip

Consider using birthday, thank you, and holiday cards made with recycled paper. U.S. loggers cut down about 2.5 million trees each year for greeting cards alone. Using cards made from recycled paper

in our journey through these dramatic stories, call the office at 464 5177 or e-mail Pastor Jim at PastorJim2006@verizon.net.

**LENTEN RETREAT - March 11-12
XAVIER CENTER, CONVENT STATION**



Lent provides a wonderful opportunity to claim some quiet, reflective time to look at your life...where you have been and where you are headed. Join us for this wonderful way to begin Lent, taking a disciplined look at your life and the wonderful opportunity God gives for new beginnings. We begin with dinner on Friday and finish mid afternoon on Saturday. Cost for the Retreat Center and your materials is just \$79. Register by email at pastor.mac@verizon.net or by calling the Office at 464-5177. Call Pastor Mac for more details or questions.



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**Somerset Patriots
Baseball Game and Picnic**

A night of Fun and Fellowship between Advent and Faith Lutheran

Friday, May 20, 2011

This is also a FIRE WORKS NIGHT

(Picnic area opens about 6 p.m., and fireworks usually run through 11:15 p.m.)

The picnic includes all you can eat hot dogs, hamburgers, BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Fred baked cookies, chips and soft drinks. (Beer and wine can be purchased separately.)

\$25 per person

(30 person minimum to book area)

A sign up sheet is on the table outside the Office.

APPALACHIAN MINISTRY TEAM

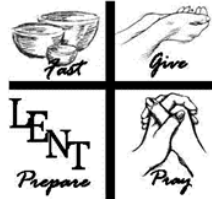
If you were on last year's Team or if you are a Peer Leader, please email Pastor Mac asap to let him know if you want to be part of this summer's Team. If you aren't in either of these groups and wish to be on the wait list for the 2011 Team or if you have questions about this Tennessee ministry, please email Pastor Mac.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins Wednesday, March 9. We mark the beginning of this time of repentance and renewal with three liturgies:

"U-TURNS & DEAD ENDS"

6:45 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
12:15 p.m. – Spoken Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
7:30 p.m. – Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes



Wednesdays in Lent:

"POWER WALK"

Spoken Eucharist at 6:45 a.m.

Evening Prayer & Eucharist at 7:30 p.m.

March 16 & 23-	<i>The Call of Mercy</i>
March 30 & April 6	- <i>The Call to Faith</i>
April 13 & 20	- <i>The Call to Justice</i>

Invite your friends and co-workers to join us for these worship opportunities.
